



Lower Wolf River Bottomlands Planning Newsletter

January, 2001

Boundary Alternatives Working Meetings

We would like to thank folks that attended the two Working Meetings on Boundary Alternatives and for making them so successful. Additionally, we received emails and phone calls from people sharing their support and concerns in regard to the 3 draft boundary alternatives.

The Lower Wolf River Bottomlands Boundary Alternative Working Meetings were held at the Navarino Nature Center and the Dale Town Hall on November 28 & 29, 2000. The purpose of these meetings was to evaluate 3 draft boundary alternatives (please refer to the November, 2000 Newsletter) using the criteria developed for identifying conservation and recreation lands within the Lower Wolf River Bottomlands (please refer to the October, 2000 Newsletter). The criteria and draft boundary alternatives were developed from previous public meetings and input.

Approximately 70 people attended these meetings. Participants worked in small facilitated groups for most of the meeting, then reconvened as a large group to share our small group discussions and evaluations.

In general, there is good support for the project and the largest draft boundary alternative (Alternative C). But the planning team's work is not done, for there are concerns and questions to answer, and technical analysis that needs to be summarized.

Over the next couple of months planning staff will be working to compile and summarize information and analyses on this draft boundary alternative. We will then share information with folks at a public meeting before proceeding any further — sometime in early spring. We hope to have a preferred boundary alternative that would be submitted to the Department's Natural Resources Board soon after. But, before any proposal would be taken to the Natural Resources Board, planning participants will have an opportunity to review and comment.

While we work on the analysis of information, we will not be sending out any newsletters over the next couple of months. You are always welcome to share comments or questions by contacting Jill Mrotek at 920/492-5830, or mrotej@dnr.state.wi.us, or 1125 N. Military Ave, Green Bay, WI 54307. You can also visit our website at www.dnr.state.wi.us/master_planning/



Small groups share work with others.

In addition to preparing analyses, the planning team will try to provide information on issues raised at the most recent public meetings. We have tried to address some issues such as condemnation and property taxes in past newsletters. Some issues on property restrictions or regulations such as zoning, building codes, or setbacks are county or town responsibilities, and not necessarily a state mandate or part of this process. But we will try to provide resources on where folks can find answers regarding these kinds of regulations. We hope to address other concerns, such as the impact of public ownership on surrounding lands, in our analysis. Lastly, we hope that by continuing to work together, meet and have discussions about the future of the Lower Wolf River Bottomlands, we are forging ongoing working relationships. ☞

A time for reflection of the past year and thoughts for the new year ahead.

The people that are within the Lower Wolf River Bottomlands corridor and those that have been participating in this effort, really deserve recognition for their vision for the future. Landowners and citizens are interested in preserving and protecting the natural resources for the future; providing wildlife and fishing habitat; and recreational opportunities while enhancing their own quality of life. This is a proactive and progressive movement on your part. The planning staff enjoys the opportunities we've had this past year to meet and work with you. Your contributions to this project really do make a difference. We couldn't do the work we do without you.

Thank you for your continued support and stewardship on the Lower Wolf River Bottomlands. We look forward to working together this coming year.



Resources

Below are some general resources for County agencies and the Department of Natural Resources. (This information was taken from the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection webpage at www.datcp.state.wi.us/static/caard/index.htm)

Outagamie County (www.co.outagamie.wi.us/)

UWEX County Extension Office

3365 W. Brewster St., Appleton 54914-1602
920/832-5119

Zoning Authority

Courthouse, 410 S Walnut St, Appleton 54911
920/832-5255

Outagamie County Land Conservation Department County Conservationist - Roy Burton

3365 W Brewster St
Appleton 54914-1602
832-5073

Farm Service Agency

3369 W. Brewster St.
Appleton 54914-1602
920/733-1575

Department of Natural Resources

3369 W. Brewster St.
Appleton 54914-1602
920/832-2826

Natural Resources Conservation Service

3369 W. Brewster St.
Appleton 54914-1602
920/832-5073

Shawano County (www.co.shawano.wi.us/)

UWEX County Extension Office

311 N Main St
Shawano 54166
715/526-6136

Zoning Authority

311 N Main St
Shawano 54166
715/526-6766

Natural Resources Conservation Services

603C Lakeland Rd
Shawano 54166
715/526-8520

Shawano County Land Conservation Department County Conservationist - Ron Ostrowski

311 N Main St
Shawano 54166
526-9239

Farm Service Agency

603A Lakeland Rd.
Shawano 54166
715/524-4814

Department of Natural Resources

647 Lakeland Rd.
Shawano 54166
715/524-2183

Waupaca County

UWEX County Extension Office

811 Harding St
Waupaca 54981
715/258-6230

Zoning Authority

811 Harding St
Waupaca 54981
715/258-6255

Waupaca County Land and Water Conservation Department County Conservationist - Bruce Bushweiler

811 Harding, Courthouse
Waupaca 54981
715/258-6245

Farm Service Agency

123 Second St, Manawa 54949
920/596-2565

Department of Natural Resources

N2480 Hartman Creek Rd
Waupaca 54981
715/258-8432

Natural Resources Conservation Service

811 Harding St
Waupaca 54981
715/258-6245

Winnebago County (www.co.winnebago.wi.us/)

UWEX County Extension Office

625 E County Rd Y, Ste 600
Oshkosh 54901-8131
920/232-1970

Zoning Authority

Courthouse, Box 2808
Oshkosh 54903
920/236-2800

Natural Resources Conservation Service

625 E County Rd Y, Ste 300
Oshkosh 54901-8131
920/424-0329 ext. 3

Winnebago County Land & Water Conservation Department

Director Pete Van Airdale
625 E County Rd Y, Ste 100
Oshkosh 54901-8131
920/232-1950

Farm Service Agency

625 E County Road Y, Ste 200
Oshkosh 54901-8131
920/424-0329 ext. 2

Department of Natural Resources

625 E County Rd Y, Ste 700
Oshkosh 54901-8131
920/424-3050